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12 ADELAIDE ST. EAST,

Toronto, December, 19th...1914.
CANADA.

President R. A. Falconer.,
University of Toronto.
CITY.

Dear Sir:-

The Meter Committee of the "National Electric Light Association", affiliated with the "Canadian Electrical Association" are revising the Meterman's Hand Book, which is the Association's Hand Book on Electrical Meters.

[This book was first published about two years ago, and since then, there has been quite a little discussion as to the proper spelling of several words, such as, "Kilowatt" "Watt-Hour" and "Kilowatt-Hour".

The question has arisen as to whether these compound words should be written as single words, or whether there should be a hyphen in each case, between the several component words. These are used either as Nouns or as Adjectives, depending upon the context. This, may also effect the spelling of the word.

The Committee felt that while they were revising the book, it would be advisable to obtain authoritative opinion on this question.

As I am representing the "Canadian Electrical Association" on this Committee, I was asked to obtain an opinion in Canada on this matter, and am therefore forwarding this to you, and would appreciate an expression of opinion.

Thanking you in advance for your trouble in this connection, I am,

Very truly yours,

Geo. H. Magalhães.
General Inspector.

GWM/K.

December 28th, 1914

George M. Nagalbaes, Esq.,

General Inspector,

The Toronto Electric Light Company, Limited,

Toronto.

Dear Sir:

I have consulted the Heads of our Departments of Physics and Electrical Engineering and they tell me that the spelling of the words "Kilowatt," "Watt-Hour" and "Kilowatt-hour" is correct as given in your letter. The word "Kilowatt" is a single word, and when the word "hour" is added a hyphen is put before "hour".

Yours sincerely,

President.

